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SUBJECT: MEETING OF NEGOTIATING GROUP I (ECONOMIC ZONE) OF
COMMITTEE II, AM, 18 AUGUST 1976

1. SUMMARY. GENERAL DEBATE ON QUESTION OF RIGHTS OF
COASTAL AND OTHER (LANDLOCKED AND GEOGRAPHICALLY DISADVAN-
TAGED) STATES IN ECONOMIC ZONE CONTINUED.
CHAIRMAN TO ESTABLISH SMALLER CONSULTATIVE GROUP TO NEGOTI-
ATE ON QUESTION OF LEGAL STATUS OF ZONE.

2. GENERAL DEBATE ON QUESTION OF LL/GDS ACCESS TO RESOURCES
OF ECONOMIC ZONE CONCENTRATED HEAVILY ON ISSUE OF RECOG-
NITION OF CONCEPT OF GEOGRAPHICALLY DISADVANTAGED STATE
AND DEFINITION THEREOF. SWEDEN ARGUED FOR RETENTION OF
TRADITIONAL FISHERIES OF DEVELOPED STATES IN ECONOMIC
ZONE OF DEVELOPED STATES IN REGION OF SUBREGION, WITH
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DEVELOPED STATES NOT HAVING RIGHTS IN ZONES OF DEVELOPING

STATES. INDICATED COULD ACCEPT EXCLUSION OF THIS PRINCIPLE IN ECONOMIC ZONES OF STATES OVERWHELMINGLY DEPENDENT ON FISHERIES. SPAIN, IRAQ, USSR, JAPAN AND ROMANIA JOINED IN PRESSING FOR PROTECTION OF TRADITIONAL FISHERIES. JAPAN QUOTE INSISTED UNQUOTE THAT ARTICLE 53, RSNT, BE AMENDED TO DELETE ANNEX AND DEFINE HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES IN GENERAL TERMS. CHINA, TAKING A HARD SWIPE AT THE USSR FOR TALKING DETENTE WHILE AT THE SAME TIME BUILDING UP ITS FLEET OF WARSHIPS, SUPPORTED PERUVIAN AMENDMENTS TABLED AT LAST MEETING GOING TO MILITARY USES OF THE ZONE. AFGHANISTAN, PARAGUAY, UGANDA, NEPAL AND AUSTRIA ESPOUSED STANDARD LAND-LOCKED POSITION, STRESSING DISSATISFACTION THAT RSNT ALLOWS ACCESS ONLY TO SURPLUS, THE QUESTION OF WHICH IS CONTROLLED BY THE COASTAL STATE. TANZANIA AND SENEGAL CAME BACK WITH HARDLINE COASTAL STATE POSITION. DENMARK AGAIN NOTED THE FAROES PROBLEM, PROPOSING TO AMEND ARTICLE 51-3 TO ADD AT THE END THEREOF QUOTE OR WHOSE ECONOMIES ARE OVERWHELMINGLY DEPENDENT ON FISHERIES, INCLUDING THOSE IN DISTANT WATERS UNQUOTE. UK CAME ON RATHER STRONG IN RESISTING LL/GDS DEMANDS BY OPPOSING ANY SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES IN ARTICLES 58 AND 59.

3. AS MEETING CLOSED, THE NEGOTIATING GROUP APPROVED CHAIRMAN'S PROPOSAL TO SET UP A SMALLER CONSULTATIVE GROUP ON THE QUESTION OF THE LEGAL STATUS OF THE ZONE TO NEGOTIATE SERIOUSLY. ONE MORE SESSION TO BE HELD ON THE LL/GDS QUESTION, WITH ANOTHER SMALLER GROUP TO AGAIN FOLLOW.
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